

**RESOLUTION 8-2004  
CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO RAISE THE MILL LEVY  
FOR THE MADISON COUNTY NURSING HOMES**

WHEREAS, 15-10-425 MCA permits the governing body of a county to raise money by taxation for the support of services in excess of the levy or levies allowed by law, and

WHEREAS, the immediate emergency of providing adequate facilities for the residents of the County make it immediately necessary to obtain funds for the operation and maintenance of the nursing homes, and

WHEREAS, funds available from year to year under existing tax levies are not adequate for regular maintenance and operation as a result of inadequate Medicaid reimbursements, low census, and acuity in patients, and

WHEREAS, there will be a funds shortfall in the amount of \$308,930 in each of the next two fiscal years, and

WHEREAS, there are no alternative sources of sufficient revenue under existing maximum tax levies, by borrowing funds under the maximum levies otherwise allowed by law or by obtaining grants or donations and

WHEREAS, additional revenue is necessary or Madison County will be forced to reduce services, layoff employees, and/or close one or both nursing homes (Madison Valley Manor and Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center) and

WHEREAS, Madison County presently has a taxable valuation of approximately \$30,893,920 and therefore each mill raises approximately \$30,893.92 in tax revenue and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have considered all the alternatives and have found none which will provide adequate services for residents of the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there shall be placed before the electors of Madison County on the June 2004 ballot in the primary election as follows:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County be authorized to impose an additional levy of ten (10) mills in each year for a period of two (2) years for the purpose of funding operations and maintenance in order to continue providing existing levels of services at both county nursing homes. If this levy passes, a home valued at \$100,000 would increase the property taxes by \$22.64 per year and a home valued at \$200,000 would increase the property taxes by \$45.28 per year.

FOR the additional mill levy of the greater of ten (10) mills, or the current taxable value of \$308,939, for a period of two years for nursing homes operations and maintenance.

AGAINST the additional mill levy of the greater of ten (10) mills, or the current taxable value of \$308,939, for a period of two years for nursing homes operations and maintenance.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2004.

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C. TED COFFMAN, CHAIRMAN

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FRANK NELSON

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DAVID SCHULZ

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Kaatz

Clerk and Recorder